

## Galatians 1:1 – 9

New American Standard Version

1 <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle (not *sent* from men nor through the  
2 agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the  
3 Father, who raised Him from the dead), <sup>2</sup> and all the  
4 brethren who are with me,  
5 To the churches of Galatia:  
6 <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
7 Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave Himself for our sins so that  
8 He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to  
9 the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom *be* the glory  
10 forevermore. Amen.  
11 <sup>6</sup> I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who  
12 called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;  
13 <sup>7</sup> which is *really* not another; only there are some who are  
14 disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.  
15 <sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach  
16 to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you,  
17 he is to be accursed! <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so I say  
18 again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel  
19 contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

**Observation (What does it say?):**

*What do you notice in this passage?*

*See suggested questions on the back.*

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**Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

*See suggested questions on the back.*

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**Application (What does it mean for me?):**

*How might this passage affect your understanding of any of the seven questions?*

*Who is God?*

*What's God up to?*

*Who are we?*

*What's gone wrong?*

*What's God done about our problem?*

*How is God's Spirit moving today?*

*How do we join the Spirit's movement?*

**Additional questions for thought and discussion:**

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**Inductive Bible Study**

(A few general ideas)

**Observation**  
(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

**Interpretation**  
(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

**Application**  
(What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.**  
**J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**